

held. Dr. J. H. Holland of Riverside was elected President; Dr. E. H. Wood of Arlington was elected Vice-President, and Dr. George E. Tucker was elected Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. H. R. Martin was elected Delegate for 1914-1915, and Dr. John C. King of Banning was elected Alternate.

As is our regular custom for the December meeting, each member of the Society present was called upon to present a case report. A series of unusual cases of throat infection were reported by several members of the Society and Dr. Stanley Black of Pasadena, who was one of the guests for the evening, discussed these cases from a bacteriological and laboratory standpoint.

During the year 1913 nine regular meetings were held, with a general average attendance of twenty-one doctors, and an average of eighteen members per meeting. Six new members were added to the society during the year.

There has been an average attendance of three guests at each meeting, including Dr. J. B. Murphy of Chicago, Dr. Max Rosendorff of Portland, Oregon, Dr. J. H. Webster of Chicago, Dr. R. Smedley of Salt Lake City, Dr. Olga M. McNeil of Los Angeles, Dr. Stanley Black of Pasadena, and nearly every member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society has attended one or more meetings.

GEORGE E. TUCKER, Secretary.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held at the offices of Drs. B. J. and D. R. Powell, Friday evening, November 28, with Dr. H. E. Sanderson in the chair. The following members were present: Drs. H. E. Sanderson, Linwood Dozier, J. T. Davison, Mary Taylor, Barton J. Powell, J. A. Young of Oakdale, D. R. Powell and R. T. McGurk.

After the reading of the minutes the following business was transacted: Drs. S. P. Tuggle, J. T. Davison and W. F. Priestly were elected to membership, and the names of seventeen members were placed in nomination as candidates for the Board of Directors for the coming year.

The business of the meeting completed, Dr. Sanderson called upon Dr. Dewey R. Powell to read his paper, "The Submucous Resection of the Nasal Septum." The subject was well presented and made especially instructive with the aid of drawings and plates projected on a screen by Dr. Dozier. Further points were brought out in the discussion amongst the general practitioners present.

R. T. MCGURK, Secretary.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

Santa Cruz County Medical Society met December 12th in Santa Cruz. The following officers were elected:

Dr. F. H. Koepke, Watsonville, President; Dr. W. H. Keck, Santa Cruz, First Vice-President; Dr. A. N. Nittler, Davenport, Second Vice-President; Dr. G. P. Tolman, Watsonville, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. H. G. Watters, Watsonville, Censor three years; Dr. P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz, Delegate to State Meeting; Dr. E. E. Porter, Watsonville, Alternate.

It was decided to have two papers or clinics at each meeting. At the next meeting Dr. Koepke will read a paper, discussion to be opened by Dr. Keck. Dr. Nittler will also have a paper, to be discussed by Dr. H. G. Watters. Twenty-five dollars was donated to Dr. Geo. H. Tucker, to help defray expenses incurred at the last legislature.

GEORGE P. TOLMAN, Secretary.

SONOMA COUNTY.

At the January meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society, the following resolution was made to send to the Medical Society of the State of California:

"Whereas, The fees offered by the Casualty

Companies doing business under the recently enacted 'Workmen's Compensation Act,' are inadequate for the services required; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Sonoma County Medical Society, request that the proper officials of the Medical Society of the State of California take up the matter with the Casualty Companies and State Officials concerned for proper adjustment."

The following officers were elected in December: President, Dr. J. W. Scamell of Santa Rosa; Vice-President, Dr. F. E. Sohler of Geyserville; Secretary, Dr. A. R. Howard of Santa Rosa; Treasurer, Dr. F. O. Pryor of Santa Rosa; Censor, Dr. S. S. Bogle of Santa Rosa; Delegate, 1915-1916, Dr. Jackson Temple of Santa Rosa; Alternate, Dr. J. W. Cline of Santa Rosa.

ALLEN R. HOWARD, Secretary.

VENTURA COUNTY.

The Ventura County Medical Society held a pleasant reunion at Pierpont Inn, December 10th, when the members were guests of Dr. Ralph W. Avery, of Oxnard, who retires from the presidency of the organization. All sections of the county were represented. A full-course dinner was enjoyed, followed by a discussion on topics of interest to the profession; Dr. Teubner reading a timely paper.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. Benj. E. Merrill, Santa Paula, President; Dr. Allen Peek, Oxnard, Vice-President; Dr. H. B. Osborn, Fillmore, Secretary.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Praktische Winke für die chlorarme Ernährung."

By Prof. Dr. H. Strauss. Published by Karger, Berlin, 1914.

This is a second edition of Strauss' well-known teachings on the question of salt-free diet, a good portion of which is incorporated in his larger work on the dietetic treatment of internal diseases. A number of tables of value to the student of dietetics are here included; likewise recipes for many dishes made palatable in spite of the absence of sodium chloride in the cooking. To those familiar with the indications for a salt-free dietary, the value of such a little work is obvious.

R. B.

Dorland's American Illustrated Medical Dictionary.

New (7th) Edition Revised and Enlarged. Dorland's American Illustrated Medical Dictionary. A new and complete dictionary of terms used in Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Chemistry, Veterinary Science, Nursing, Biology and kindred branches; with new and elaborate tables. Seventh Revised Edition. Edited by W. A. Newman Dorland, M. D. Large octavo of 1107 pages, with 331 illustrations, 119 in colors. Containing over 5,000 more terms than the previous edition. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Flexible leather, \$4.50 net; thumb indexed, \$5.00 net.

This new edition of the dictionary is even more valuable than any previous edition and is in constant use on the editorial desk. From the frequency with which it is used to determine and correct the errors of some contributors, it would appear to be well worth while for almost anyone contemplating the perpetration of a medical article to purchase a copy.

A Reference Hand-Book of Gynecology for Nurses.

By Catharine Macfarlane, M. D. Gynecologist to The Woman's Hospital, of Philadelphia. Second Edition, thoroughly revised. 32 mo. of 156 pages, with original line-drawings. Phila-

delphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Flexible leather, \$1.25 net.

This little book of 150 pages covers very fully, yet most concisely, the subject of gynecology as taught to nurses. In my opinion, the book could well be used as a text-book in connection with lectures, and as a reference handbook for nurses it is certainly very valuable. A. E. R.

A Text Book of Biology. For Students in Medical, Technical and General Courses. By William Martin Smallwood, Ph. D. (Harvard), Professor of Comparative Anatomy in the Liberal Arts College of Syracuse University, and in charge of Forest Zoology in the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse. Octavo, 285 pages; illustrated with 243 engravings and 13 plates, in colors and monochrome. Cloth, \$2.75, net. Lea & Febiger, publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1913.

In this small volume of two hundred and eighty pages the author has attempted to cover the wide field of general biology in such a way as to deal specifically with the more important subdivisions of botany zoology, embryology, bacteriology, immunity, heredity, etc. The text is well written and attractively illustrated, but the scope of the volume is much too wide. The whole is of the most elementary character, probably well adapted for students in high or preparatory schools or for the general reader, but as a text-book for medical students or as a volume of reference for the medical practitioner it cannot be recommended. E. C. D.

The Surgical Clinics of John B. Murphy, M. D., at Mercy Hospital, Chicago. Volume II, Number VI (December). Octavo of 186 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1913. Published Bi-Monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$8.00; cloth, \$12.00.

Contents: Tuberculosis of the Lung; Production of Artificial Pneumothorax by Injection of Nitrogen according to Dr. Murphy's Method. Bone Cyst of the Radius. Pyonephrosis: Drainage. Exostosis of Radius and Ulna. Ununited Fracture of Radius, Previously Plated; Transplantation of Bone. Ankylosis of Elbow. Laminectomy for Tuberculosis of Spinal Column, with Compression of Spinal Cord; Kyphosis and Lateral Curvature; Motor Paralysis. Subcutaneous Abscess Following Tuberculosis of the Spine; Aspiration and Injection of Formalin and Glycerin Solution. Undescended Testicle in Inguinal Canal. Cholelithiasis; Stones in Common Duct, with Intense Jaundice. Students' Clinic at Opening of Session this Year. Metastatic Carcinoma of Femur. Traumatic Sarcoma of Femur. List of Cases Operated on and Demonstrated by Dr. John B. Murphy at Mercy Hospital During the Week of the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, Nov. 10-15, 1913. Index to Volume II.

Theorie und Praxis der Inneren Medizin. Dr. Erich Kindborg. Vol. III. Published by S. Karger, Berlin. 1914.

This volume completes one of the most valuable systems of medicine that has appeared in many years. The enthusiastic appreciation evoked by the first two volumes can be equally bestowed on this concluding volume. The admirable plan of presentation, the painstaking thoroughness and the unusual excellence of the sections on treatment that marked the initial volumes are sustained throughout.

The contents comprise: Diseases of the Kidneys and Urinary Apparatus; Diseases of the Blood; Diseases of the Nervous System; the Infectious Diseases, and the more important Poisons. Of especial note are the clear exposition on anatomical basis of the diseases of the spinal cord; the practical arrangement of the various poisonings accord-

ing to environment, occupation and habits; the excellent presentation of the subject of nephritis.

To the above may be added the statements that appeared in the review of the first two volumes, that the language used is simple, clear and concise; each chapter includes the anatomy, physiology, physics, chemistry and pharmacology requisite for a complete and clear understanding of the subject under discussion; the literature of the medical world is gathered and digested to be presented in the light of the writer's experience and judgment; methods of clinical examination are fully presented; each subject is placed in coordination with the sister sciences and in its proper relation to the scheme of medical science.

It is a book fit to occupy the highest place among text and reference works. G. H. T.

A Practical Treatise on Medical Diagnosis. For Students and Physicians. By John H. Musser, M. D., LL. D., late Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; formerly President of the American Medical Association, etc. New (Sixth) edition, revised by J. H. Musser, Jr., B. S., M. D., Instructor in Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Assistant Physician to the Philadelphia Hospital; Physician to the Medical Dispensary of the Presbyterian Hospital; Physician to the Medical Dispensary of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Octavo, 793 pages, with 196 engravings and 27 colored plates. Cloth, \$5.00 net. Lea & Febiger, publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1913.

This valuable standard work has undergone a very thorough and complete revision which has brought it up to date in every particular and in addition has conferred the benefit of a judicious condensation of the more voluminous portions, thus rendering the book much more wieldy and practical. The section on Objective Diagnosis is especially to be commended, presenting, as it does, those valuable and so frequently neglected pieces of evidence that the physician should take into account when he is making an initial examination of a patient. There is a world of experience and wisdom in this chapter which each medical man should acquire and use constantly. The hundred-page section devoted to Laboratory Diagnosis is likewise valuable. It is condensed to the absolute essentials and contains only such technic as can be exercised in any physician's laboratory. The second part of the volume is devoted to Special Diagnosis and differs in no way from the other recognized books on this subject. Regarded as a whole, the work is the equal of any of the standard books in its field but presents no special characteristics that could be regarded as novel or original; it is a stereotyped example of students' textbook and practitioners' reference work stamped by conservatism and tradition. G. H. T.

Diseases of Women. By Chas. A. L. Reed. Published by D. Appleton & Co., N. Y., 1913.

The arrangement of the various subjects is a decided departure from that of the usual text book devoted to diseases peculiar to women. For instance, the very excellent article under the general head of "Menstruation and Its Disorders," by Dr. Dan Milliken, of Hamilton, Ohio, begins near the end of the book—page 756. On the other hand, subjects of much less practical every-day importance are given preference in the arrangement, to wit "Malformations," a subject which the author has dealt with in considerable detail, is the first subject considered. Again in addition to the topics usually considered under the head of gynecology, the following have been treated in detail, viz.: surgery of the rectum, certain obstetric operations and surgical conditions of the kidneys, ureters, and of the breast.

The diagnosis of rape is as good as any abstract that the reviewer is familiar with on the subject